



College and Career Readiness Checklist : 10th Grade

Preparing for life after high school is a four-year process. Use this checklist to help make sure your postsecondary plans are on track during your sophomore year.

- **Make sure you're on track with your course selection**
 - You may not feel like you need to see your counselor but checking in once a year to make sure you're in good shape and on track for graduation is always a good idea.
- **Keep your focus on your grades**
 - Remember that all of your grades go on your transcript and sophomore year is important as any other. Even if you had a difficult time transitioning to high school and had poor grades during your freshman year, that's okay! Schools and potential employers understand you might have had difficulty transitioning into high school. Your sophomore year is the time to show your ability to bounce back.
- **Look for leadership opportunities**
 - Remember those extracurricular activities you joined last year? Now is the time to look at taking on leadership roles and using them to continue building your resume on Naviance. Both schools and potential employers want to see you becoming more involved with your interests.
- **Begin attending college fairs and visiting colleges when the opportunity arises**
 - It may seem early but attend any college fairs in the area and visit with representatives at lunch when they visit school. Speaking with them will help you explore your postsecondary plans and be good practice for when you really need to research during your junior year.
- **Start to think about your future career path – and how it will affect your postsecondary plans**
 - Use the Naviance surveys assigned by your counselors to help determine what career you would like to pursue one day and research what kind of education you need to get there. Does your career require a certificate, Associate's degree, or a Bachelor's degree? Look into this now so you can make the best choice for you, both in terms of your goals and finances.